

THE HODGSON LETTERS

SALIENT POINT IN SATURDAY'S
SCHLEY INQUIRY SESSION.Raynor, Lemly and Dewey Have an
Argument as to News Clippings
Bearing on the Letters.

"SANTIAGO" IN THE ORIGINAL

LEMLY PRODUCES MUCH-DISCUSSED
"DEAR SCHLEY" EPISTLE.Raynor's Contentment that It Must Have
Been "Cienfuegos" Overthrown.
—Other Minor Testimony.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Only one session of the Schley court of inquiry was held today. An adjournment until Monday was taken at 1 o'clock to allow counsel to re-prepare after an arduous week's labor. Practically the only witness of the day was Lieutenant Commander Alton C. Hodgson, who was navigator of the flagship Brooklyn during the campaign of 1898, and almost his entire time was taken up with the reading of correspondence between himself and Admiral Schley concerning an alleged colloquy between them during the battle of Santiago, which the witness was reported to have detailed to a newspaper correspondent. The correspondence has been published and this fact rendered the proceeding of comparatively little popular interest.

Lieutenant Doyle also was on the stand again, but only for the purpose of correcting his former testimony.

During the day Judge Advocate Lemly made another statement concerning Admiral Sampson's dispatch of May 20, 1898, relating especially to the admiral's use of the word "Santiago" where it was alleged he had intended to use the word "Cienfuegos."

The first of the witnesses of a previous day who were recalled to correct testimony was Lieutenant Doyle, who was on the Brooklyn during the battle off Santiago. He made a number of changes in phraseology. His attention was called to an error in his former testimony in stating the distance the Brooklyn stood out from the Morro at Santiago in reply to a question from the court. He had formerly placed this distance at two or three miles, but he had erroneously based his statement on the log for June 28, instead of May 23. Looking at the log for May 23 he found only one estimate of the distance out, placing it at seven miles.

When Lieutenant Doyle was excused Captain Lemly again brought up the question of the difference of construction of the last paragraph of the "Dear Schley" letter. He produced the original copy, reading part of the paragraph, reading:

"I, therefore, am of the opinion that our best chance of success in capturing their ships will be to hold the two points, Cienfuegos and Havana, with all the force we can muster. If, later, it should develop these vessels are at Santiago, we could then assemble off that port the ships best suited for the purpose and completely blockade it. Until we then receive more positive information we shall continue to hold Havana and Santiago."

"SANTIAGO" THE WORD.
Captain Lemly then said: "If the court please, I was yesterday requested by counsel for the applicant to produce the original of the letter from Admiral Sampson to Commodore Schley, dated May 20, 1898, the question being as to the final name at the end of the first paragraph, whether it should be 'Cienfuegos' or 'Santiago.' I have the original and the name appears 'Santiago,' and appears over an erasure. I invite attention to the fact that in the present copybook it is Santiago, which shows that the change was made before the letter was copied and sent. I will add that the punctuation is, as I stated yesterday, in the press copy."

He also, at the request of Admiral Schley's counsel, introduced another copy, "in which," he said, "you will see there was no correction. It appeared originally as Santiago."

The court examined the original papers and the press copies with care, and it was agreed that the papers should again be printed in the record.

Captain Lemly then requested that all the papers in Admiral Schley's possession bearing upon the case be supplied and Mr. Raynor replied for the admiral that he (Admiral Schley) had no more papers.

Lieutenant Commander Alton C. Hodgson was then called to continue his testimony of yesterday. He was asked by Judge Advocate Lemly about his correspondence with Admiral Schley concerning what the judge designated a newspaper's "colloquy." The witness took exception to the use of the word "colloquy," and Captain Lemly replied that this was the witness's own characterization.

The letters were then read by the judge advocate, Commander Hodgson identifying the various documents as they were separately presented. Mr. Raynor said that if desired the letters would be accepted as evidence and that they could be printed without being read. Captain Lemly replied, however, that he considered the letters to have an important bearing upon the precept and therefore he was prepared to read them.

While the reading of the letters between Admiral Schley and Lieutenant Commander Hodgson and newspaper articles bearing upon the correspondence was in progress Mr. Raynor objected to the reading of one of the newspaper statements as irrelevant as irrelevant as irrelevant.

The reading had required considerable time. Admiral Dewey said:

DEWEY WANTS TO PRINT.
"Those things could all have been printed. You are taking valuable time here. We want facts—facts. We don't want newspaper articles. We have ruled these out. Cannot these matters be printed?"

Captain Lemly—Then they would be in evidence. Do you mean you don't want them at all?

Admiral Dewey—We want them. Could not they be printed like other papers?

Mr. Raynor—We want everything that passed between Lieutenant Hodgson and Commodore Schley that appertains to this controversy, but we would not like this record to contain editorials against Commodore Schley. I do not think there ought to be printed in the record an editorial against Admiral Schley or any other admiral or in favor of him which was never seen by Admiral Schley at all. That article was sent in any letter to Admiral Schley. He says not.

Captain Lemly—It is really a part of the correspondence and is referred to. We do not contend for one moment that any allegations that may be made in that editorial against Admiral Schley are proof of what these allegations are, but this is a part of the correspondence and necessary in determining as to what was the propriety of Commodore Schley's conduct in the premises.

Mr. Raynor—Would you take a statement from me now that Admiral Schley says he never saw it and never received it? Judge Advocate—You have made that statement.

Mr. Raynor—I do not think this record ought to be stained with these calumnies against Admiral Schley.

The court then retired for consultation, and after a few minutes returned, making the following announcement through Admiral Dewey:

The court decides that any clippings from newspapers which form a part of the correspondence between Admiral Schley and Lieutenant Commander Hodgson should properly be read.

Mr. Raynor—May it please the court, there is no evidence to show that this particular editorial forms a part of the correspondence or that it was ever received by Admiral Schley.

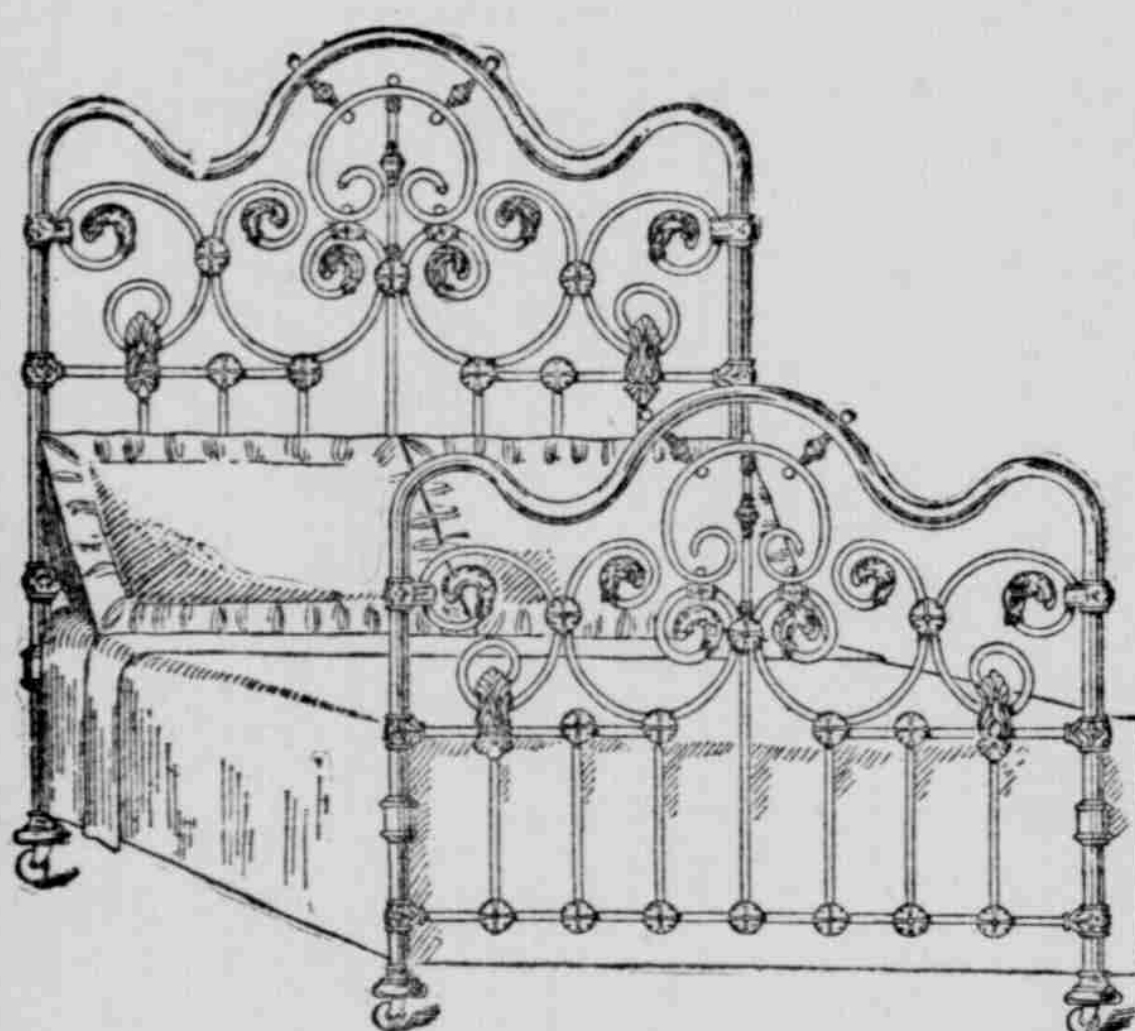
Admiral Dewey—Under that ruling it ought not to be read.

After the further reading of letters, and before the entire correspondence had been exhibited, the court, at 1 o'clock, adjourned until Monday.

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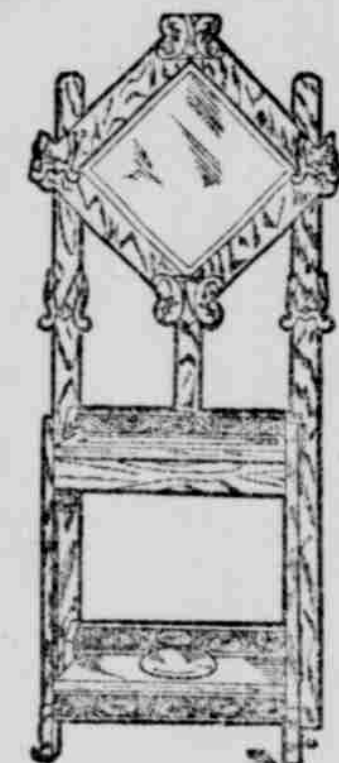
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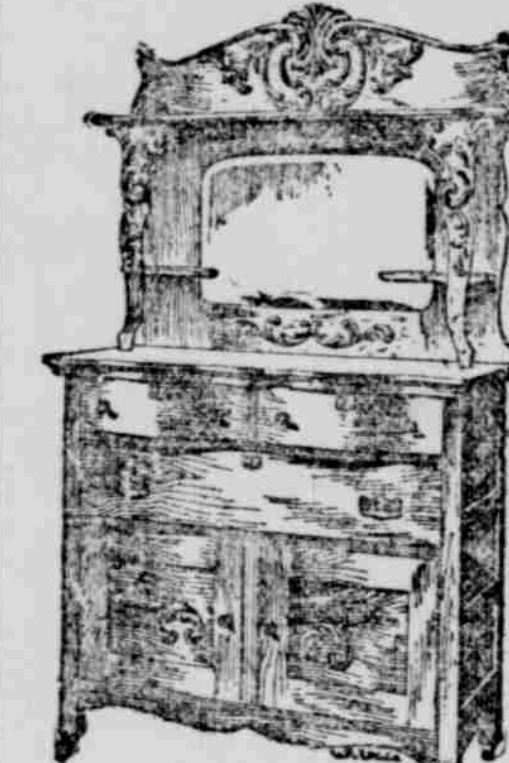
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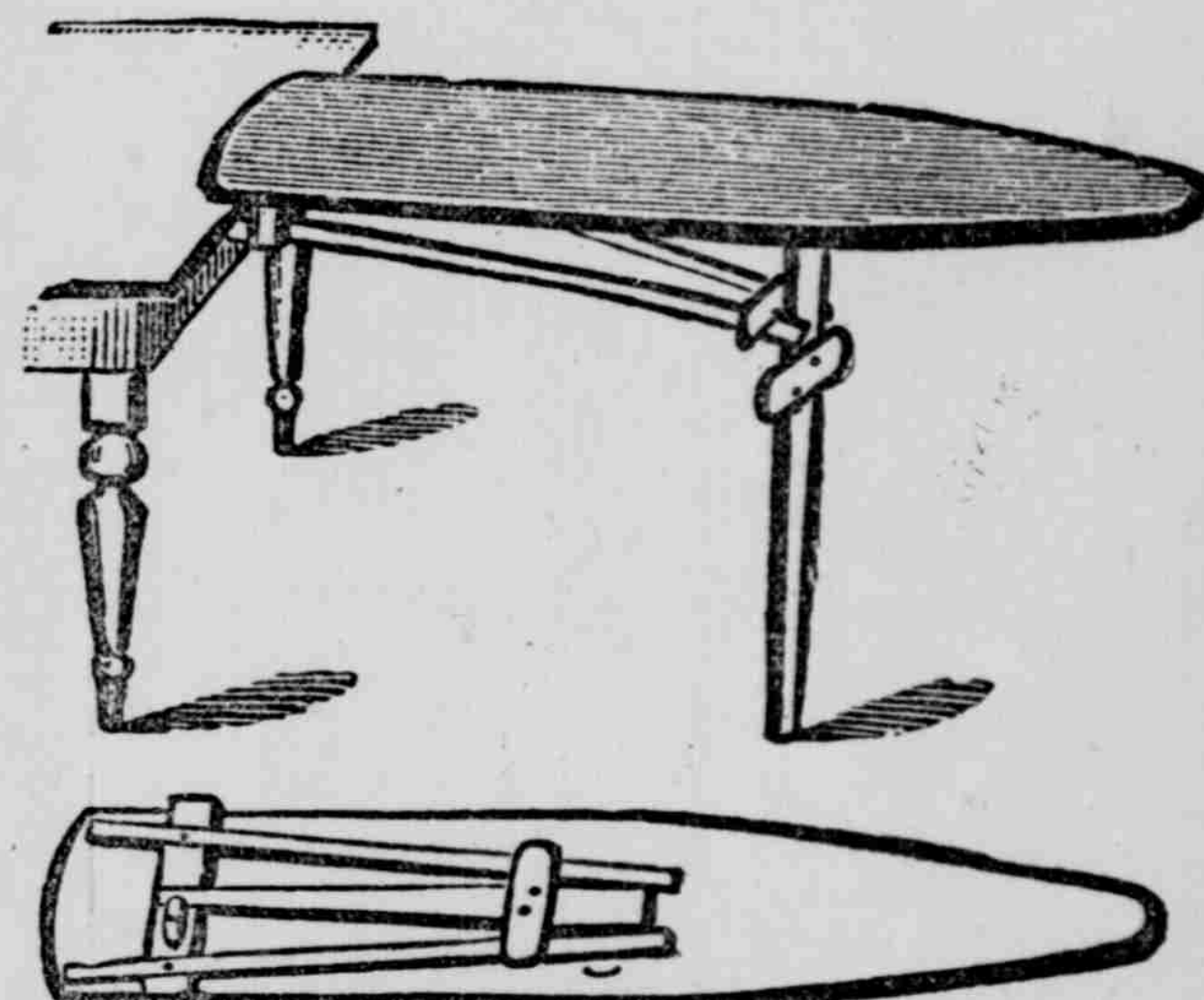
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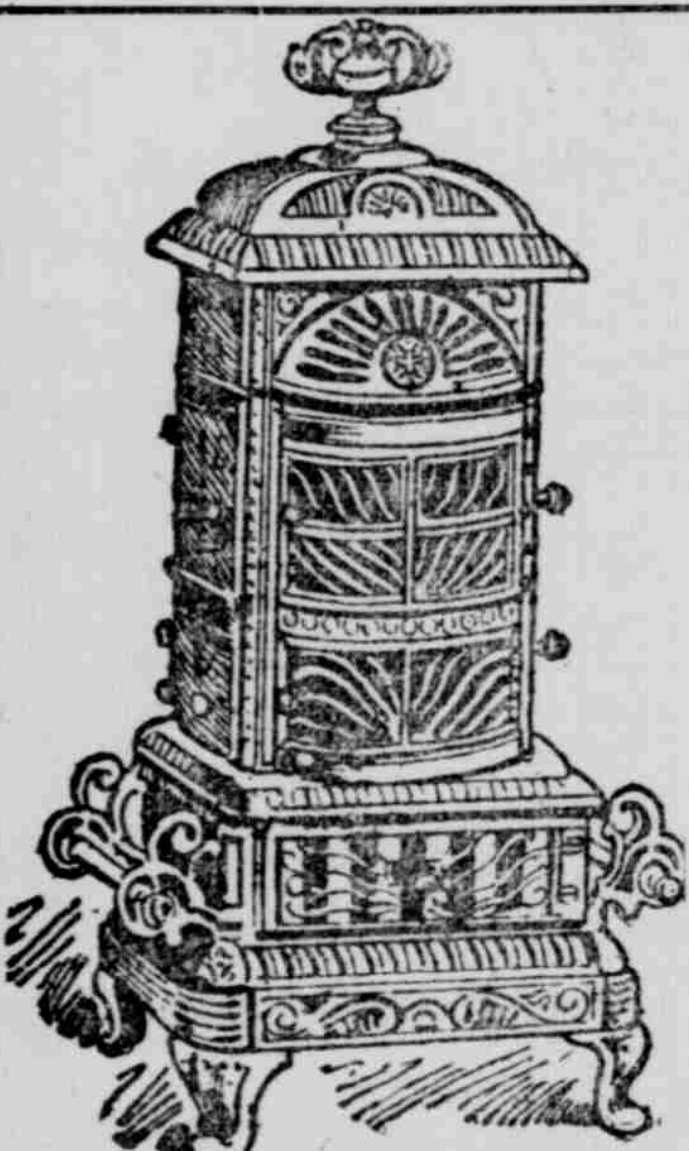
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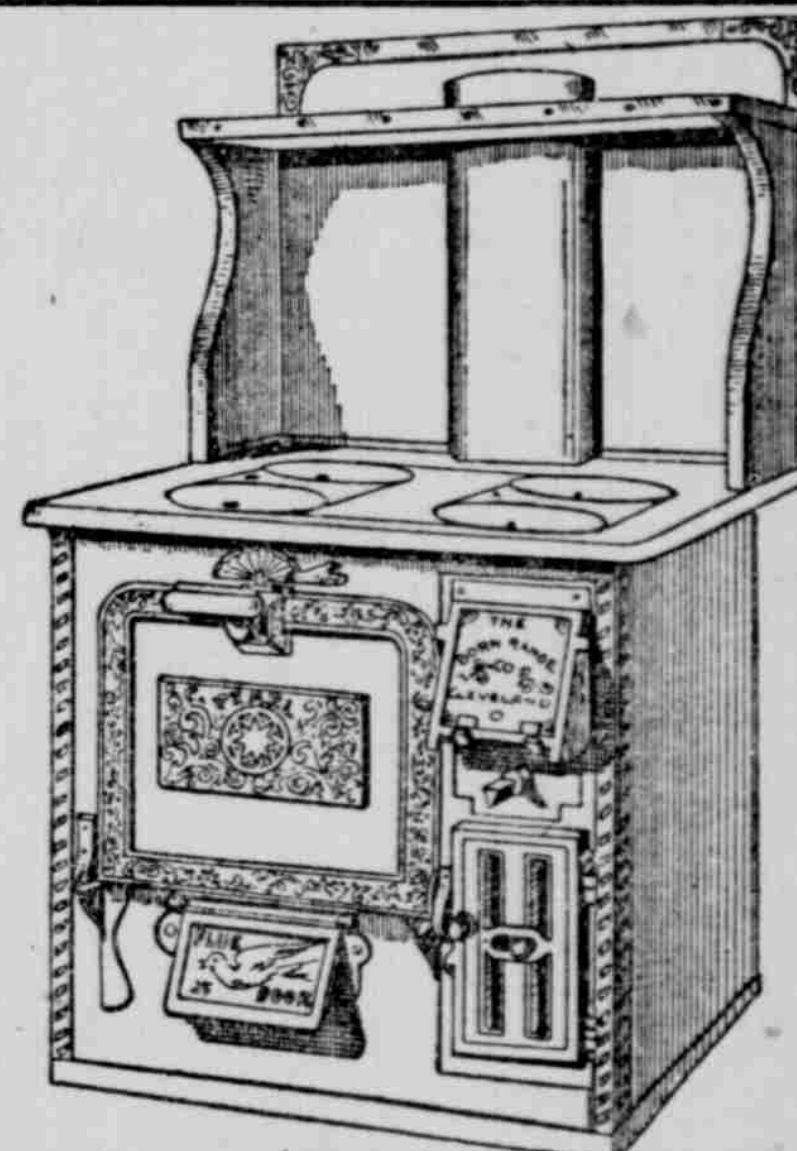
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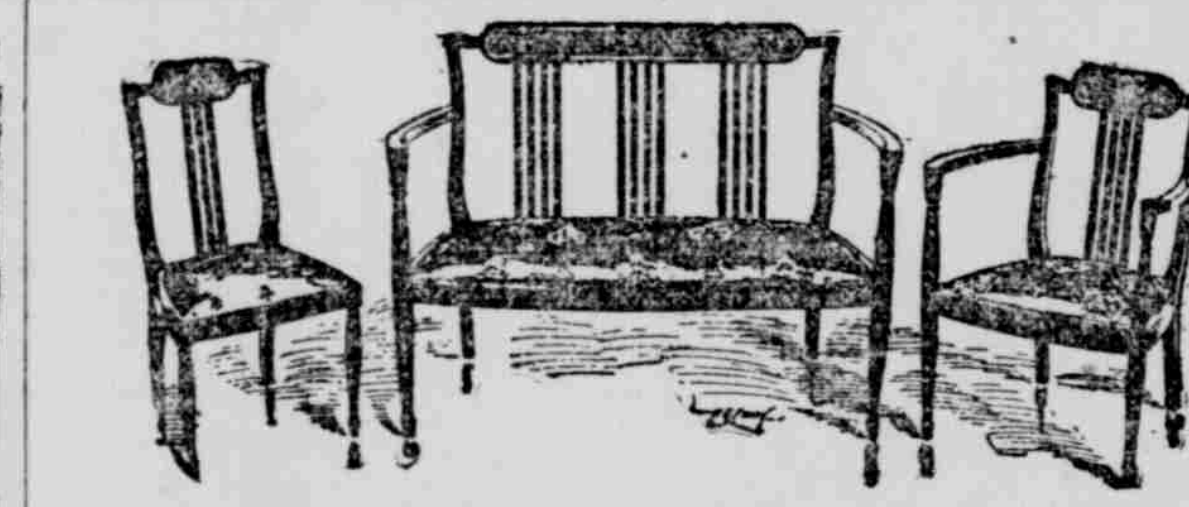
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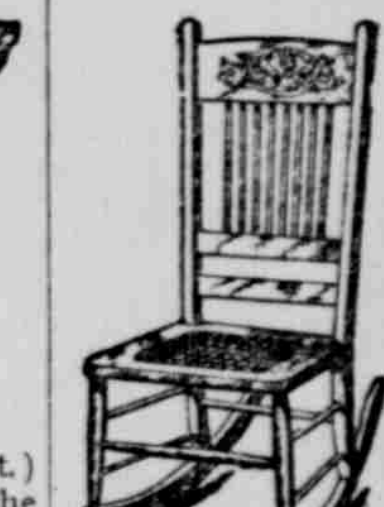
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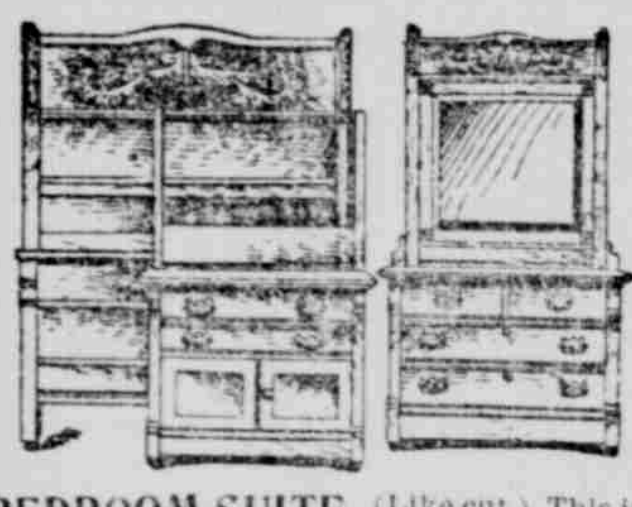
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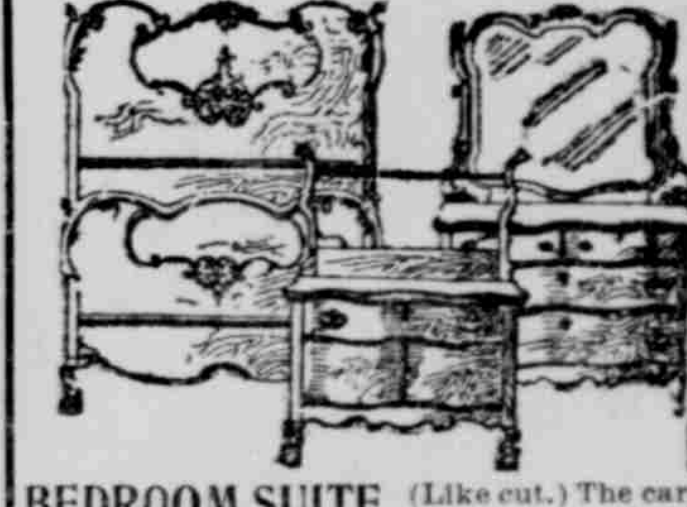
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